

## Message Text

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1350  
INFO IRS WASHDC

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TAGS:

SUBJECT:

IRS WASHDC FOR DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS  
CP:OIO:4

1. INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE OFFICIALS IN MEXICO HAVE  
INSTRUCTIONS TO INTERVIEW PEMEX OFFICIALS REGARDING  
TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING PURCHASES BY PEMEX IN 1973,  
1974, AND 1975 OF OIL, GAS OR ANY OTHER DERIVATIVE,  
FROM U.S. COMPANIES AND OTHER RELATED COMPANIES.  
INFORMATION REQUESTED WOULD INVOLVE PAYMENTS OF FEES  
AND/OR COMMISSIONS BY U.S. COMPANIES TO INDIVIDUALS  
AND COMPANIES REGARDING THESE PURCHASES; WHO WAS  
INVOLVED IN ARRANGING THE PURCHASES; AND WHY THE  
COMPANY DID NOT DEAL DIRECTLY WITH THE COMPANY SELLING  
THE OIL.

2. EMBASSY NOTES THAT CORRUPTION IS A VERY SENSITIVE ISSUE  
IN MEXICO AND THAT THE HIGHLY VISIBLE PARASTATAL  
COMPANIES SUCH AS PEMEX ARE UNDER CONSTANT PUBLIC  
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SCRUTINY. ANY UNEXPECTED HINT OF CORRUPTION AMONG  
PEMEX OFFICIALS WILL BE AN EMBARRASSMENT TO THE GOM,  
AND A LINKAGE OF PEMEX TO ILLEGAL PRACTICES OF A U.S.  
CONCERN MAY IMPACT ADVERSELY ON THE FUTURE OF THE  
DELICATE U.S./MEXICO NATURAL GAS NEGOTIATIONS.

3. EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT, AS IN THE PAST, ASSISTANCE, IN

SECURING THE INFORMATION, SHOULD BE OBTAINED FROM THE  
MEXICAN ATTORNEY GENERAL.

4. BECAUSE OF POLITICAL RAMIFICATIONS IN MEXICO AND  
POTENTIAL FOR SERIOUS DAMAGE TO U.S./MEXICAN RELATIONS  
EMBASSY WOULD CONTACT ATTORNEY GENERAL ONLY UNDER DIRECT  
INSTRUCTIONS FROM DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

5. PLEASE ADVISE. LUCEY

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